

LEANING UPON CHRIST

*"WHO IS THIS THAT COMETH UP FROM THE WILDERNESS,
LEANING UPON HER BELOVED?"*

(SONG OF SOLOMON 8:5)

I would, my Lord, thy chastenings bear,
In hope above thy crown to wear.
O give me grace sufficient, do,
And make me more than conqueror too.

I would be taught at thy dear feet,
And know and do thy will complete;
I'd live and die in thy embrace,
And live and sing in heaven thy praise.

I would be found among the saints,
And mingle mine with their complaints;
I crave a lot with them and thee,
With Christ to dwell, from sin set free.

I'd show the world whom 'tis I love;
I'd always feel my heart above;
I'd spend my days to honour thee,
Who has done such great things for me.

I've sung the theme now sung above;
I've wept and sung, "My God is love;"
I surely then shall praise Him there.
Then farewell world, and sin, and care.

No soul that's out of hell can be
More worthless, Lord, than sinful me.
That grace which saved me still can save
The vilest soul this side the grave.

Since I have mercy found while here,
No needy sinner need despair;
Love undertakes the blackest case,
And saves the chosen all by grace.

Praise to the Father, God of love,
Praise to the Son, our Friend [and God] above;
Praise to the Spirit, God of power,
Praise Him, my soul, for evermore.

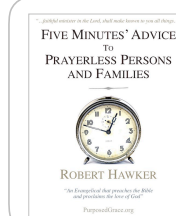
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O LORD, and grant us
thy salvation"**

(PSALM 85:7)



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GOD'S RICH LOVE FOR US

*"BUT GOD, WHO IS RICH IN MERCY, FOR HIS GREAT LOVE WHEREWITH HE
LOVED US, EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN SINS, HATH QUICKENED US TOGETHER
WITH CHRIST, (BY GRACE YE ARE SAVED.)"*

(EPHESIANS 2:4-5)

My dear brethren in Christ, and thou, O my soul, one chief reason why, at any time, we have so little comfort, and are so low in joy, is, we do not enough believe and live upon the love of God. Let us never think of, or look for any mercy from God, without considering that it flows from love. Is God rich in mercy to any? It is because He loves them. Great love, everlasting, unchangeable love, is the source and spring of rich mercy. It was rich mercy for God to give us His beloved Son to be our Saviour in time: this was because of His great love to us before time: He loved us from eternity in His Son; He loves us invariably the same through time, and under all states and circumstances. Yea, when we were forlorn, hopeless, helpless, loathsome, and desperate, even *"dead in sins,"* He loved us with *"great love,"* too great to be conceived or expressed; He manifested it, by bestowing *"rich mercy"* upon us; mercy so rich, so free, so liberal, that it came to us unsought, unasked, undeserved. His great love for us was the parent of His rich mercy to us. Mercy without love may be, exercised by an enemy; but the mercy of God flows from the loving heart of a Father. He saw our souls dead in sin, dead under His law, dead to Himself. Did He leave us? No; He loved us with great love, therefore, in rich mercy He quickened us. Quickened us! Is that all? A quickened soul, some think, is in

a very inferior degree of grace; it is neither justified nor sanctified; but such are great strangers to the rich mercy and great love of God; and they do not consider, that souls are quickened *"together with Christ."* There is the sweetness of quickening mercy enjoyed; quickened souls see their sinfulness, know their poverty, feel their misery and wretchedness, and groan under a body of sin and death. But here is their glory, joy, and comfort, they are one with Christ: His life is theirs, His death is theirs, His righteousness is theirs, His holiness is theirs, His fulness is theirs. Though sin is not dead in us, yet being one with Christ, we are dead indeed unto sin, and alive to God. *"By grace ye are saved."* Neither you nor your works have the least hand in salvation; therefore rejoice. It is not precarious and uncertain whether you shall be saved; for quickened souls may be as sure of it, as if they were now before the throne. Oh may love, mercy, and grace be the constant theme of our souls.

*We'll sing rich mercy and great love,
To us so freely given
By God our Father from above,
Whereby we're heirs of heaven.
Then let us live like saints on earth,
Though we are sinners poor,
That we may prove our heavenly birth,
And Christ our Lord adore.*

[PASTOR] **WILLIAM MASON**

THE SAVIOUR OF THOSE WHO NEED TO BE SAVED

"...AND HEALED THEM THAT HAD NEED OF HEALING"

(LUKE 9:11)

Reader, it says here that the Lord Jesus Christ healed them that had need of healing. God the Holy Spirit shows us here that all who feel this need to be saved by Christ, come to Him and He saves them.

I don't know about the reader, but I know about the writer—I need to be healed, every day, every hour and every moment of my life. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Saviour of those who need to be saved!

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (1 TIM 1:15).

My friend, the Lord Jesus did not come into the world to *try* and save everyone, He did not come into the world to merely *try* and save sinners, rather *Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners*. Are you a sinner? True sinners are those who confess their need to be saved by Christ alone [ACTS 8:3].

PASTOR